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Trail cost keeps rising



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg

Construction workers with Jones Contracting continue on the recreational trail running up 15th Street to Rodeo Park funded by the Fort Madison Community Hospital Community Foundation. A change order for \$30,000 is on Tuesday's City Council agenda.

REC TRAIL: FMCH Community Foundation trail facing more change orders

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A proposed change to the work being done on the trail running up 15th Street to Rodeo Park will add about \$30,000 to the project if approved at Tuesday's City Council meeting.

The Fort Madison City Council will consider a change order to the Fort Madison Community Hospital Community Foundation Trail project, the fourth one to be considered on the work, at Tuesday's regular meeting.

The city entered into the contract with Jones Contracting Corp. of West Point for \$1,206,777. The current contract now stands at \$1,292,725 after three previous change orders.

The current change order will increase the driveway thickness to match the existing concrete at Bates Sanitation & Asphalt, WM Johnson Truck Line, and Gethsemane Cemetery. It will also include adding a subdrain to dry the

subbase, and replacement of sod at the cemetery.

The work at WM Johnson would be to insure a smooth transition for larger trucks into the facility. The previous planned level of concrete was too shallow.

The trail is part of the P.O.R.T. trail project, and according to a report from City Public Works Director Mark Bousset, the P.O.R.T. commission has approved moving forward with the change order.

Some on the Fort Madison City Council have been vocalizing frustration with change orders that appear to have been foreseeable in nature. Councilman Tom Schulz vented two weeks ago with another change order for the Amtrak passenger depot platform project, that he called "crappy work from a crappy engineering firm".

Klingner & Associates did the design engineering on the depot project, and several councilman and Fort Madison Mayor Matt Mohrfeld defended the firm saying they had made amends for some

other issues earlier in the project.

HRGreen is the engineering firm for the trail project and submitted the change order on June 9.

In a related issue the council will also be considering an application to the Iowa Dept. of Transportation's Recreational Trails program for construction grant for phase IV of the P.O.R.T. trail for a 48th Street connector.

In other action, the council will be considering:

- a one-year contract renewal for SIEBUS services through the Southeast Iowa Regional Planning Commission at an annual cost of \$8,500 to the city. Fares under the renewed agreement are \$2.50 for a ride within the city, and \$5 for rides between cities that use the bus. Anyone can ride the bus between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

- agreements with Calhoun, Burns and Associates for replacement of bridges at 27th Street over Dry Creek and Avenue F over French Creek.

COUNTY NEWS

County ready to take over ambulance

Contract changed to end June 30 instead of original July 1 date

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

LEE COUNTY – Plans are currently on track with less than a month remaining before Lee County officially takes over its ambulance service.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Lee County Board of Supervisors, the board approved 4-0 an amendment to the current contract with Lee County EMS Ambulance Inc, to end on June 30th at 8 a.m.

Originally, the plans were to take over at midnight on the morning of July 1, 2021, but new Director Dennis Cosby and Director of Operations Jason Dinwiddie decided an extra day would be advantageous.



SEYB

Supervisor Garry Seyb, who has been on the steering committee along with Supervisor Rick Larkin, said things are on track to transition the service seamlessly.

"I don't see any big issues," Seyb said. "Ambulances, we're having a little bit of a time before we can receive those, but we're going to (loaners) from them if they can't deliver ours on time."

In December, the county purchased six new ambulances from North Central Ambulance Service, three transport-van type ambulances and three full-service ambulance rigs. They also acquired one ambulance from Lee County EMS in the purchase agreement.

Cosby said the county will be picking up some of those ambulances this week.

"We'll be picking up two, possibly three of them this week. If they can't deliver the third, they'll give us a third vehicle as a loaner until the third is finished being built," Cosby said.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

MARGARET A. "LEE" DUBOIS

Margaret Alice (Lee) Du Bois, long-time resident of Keokuk, Iowa, passed away on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at her home in Lakewood CO.



DUBOIS

Margaret was born February 11, 1929 to Cecil D. Lee and Mildred Marie Held Lee in Waterloo, Black Hawk County, Iowa.

United in marriage to Duane E. Du Bois on November 21, 1948 in Waterloo, Iowa, they were blessed with two daughters. Margaret lived the first 88 years of her life in Iowa, moving to Lakewood CO for her final years. She resided in Keokuk IA from 1959-2017.

Margaret is survived by daughters Pamela (James) Bliss in Oklahoma, and Susan Du Bois (Richard Yabunaka) in Colorado; grandchildren Eric, Ethan and Laura Bliss.

In addition to her husband, Duane, of 68 years, Margaret was preceded in death by her brother, Bruce E. Lee, and her sister Dorothy (Lee) Baker.

Margaret attended Coe College, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa for two years. She was a homemaker and worked as a secretary before having children.

Margaret was a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Keokuk IA, for more than 50 years and belonged to the Service Circle.

Active in the Order of the Eastern Star for 47 years, Margaret served as Worthy Matron, Elmira Chapter #40 OES; Grand Electa; Grand Representative of Oklahoma in Iowa, and was a member of Diamond Chapter #37, OES and E. C. Blackmar Chapter #306, OES.

During August 1967, 1968, 1969, and 1970, the family spent the month camping in western National Parks and Monuments. With her husband Duane, they attended 39 Elderhostels in the USA, Canada, England, Scotland and Wales.

Margaret enjoyed reading, trying new recipes, preserving food, walking, "Be Fit with Scott" classes, bird watching and adopting stray kitties.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to Keokuk Public Library or Keokuk Animal Shelter.

A graveside service will be held at Keokuk National Cemetery at a later date. Tributes and condolences may be left at www.dejongsfuneralhome.com.

DeJong-Greaves-Printy Funeral Home of Keokuk is in charge of arrangements.

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OBITUARIES

EUGENE A. "GENE" FOECKE

Eugene A. "Gene" "Fu Check" Foecke, 68, of Donnellson, Iowa, passed away at 7:15 a.m. Monday, June 14, 2021, at his home surrounded by family.



FOECKE

Gene was born on August 8, 1952 in Fort Madison, Iowa, the son of Adrian and Winnie (Winnike) Foecke. On July 29, 2008, he married Nancy Hanley in Lewistown, Montana.

He is survived by his wife: Nancy; one daughter: Nanook (Brett) Arnold of Donnellson; grandchildren: Nolan Leveling, Nadia Leveling, Leah (Justin) Flockhart, Rachel (fiancé Ben Wyatt) Arnold and Hanna Arnold; siblings: Jim (Jeanne) Foecke of Pilot Grove, Iowa, Suzanne (Larry) Mehmert of Cresco, Iowa; Mari Lu (Dave) Smith of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Bernie (Deb) Foecke of West Point, Iowa and Joe (Jan) Foecke of Kansas City, Missouri. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and step-son: Edward LeTellier.

Gene was a 1970 graduate of Marquette High School. He was a retired farmer and co-owner of the Franklin Tap. Gene enjoyed fishing and raising cattle. He was a steward of the land.

Friends may call after 12:00 noon Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point, where the family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. that evening.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date at Franklin Tap.

Memorials have been established in his memory for West Point Fire and Rescue, Great River Hospice or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with local arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.schmitzfuneral-homes.com.

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Obituaries/For the Record

OBITUARIES

RYAN L. WISEMAN

Ryan Lee Wiseman, 59, of Columbus, Ohio, passed away on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. He was born to parents Ennos W. Wiseman and Eilean L. Wiseman, on November 30, 1961 in Fort Madison, Iowa. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 oz. He was the last of 5 children. His sisters loved caring for him as a child.



WISEMAN

Always the grinner!

He graduated from Central Lee High School in 1980. He was active in music and a member of the high school's double quartet. He loved playing the trumpet in the band and was inspired by Maynard Ferguson. This mighty group of friends built a cabin back in the woods where everyone could come back and enjoy. The cabin still stands today. He grew up in the Embury United Methodist Church, Donnellson, Iowa. A place where everyone is family and everyone knows your name!

Growing up on the family farm in rural Farmington, he rescued his beloved horse "Sassafras" from an abusive owner. Sassafras shared his love. Regardless of his time away, she would come running when he called her name, even if his voice was barely above a whisper. As was with his dad, he had gentle ways with animals. When camping out in the woods on the family farm, he would wake up, only to find he was surrounded by all the black Angus cows sleeping all around him, protecting him.

He went on to study at University of Iowa and graduated from Culinary Institute of Philadelphia. Ryan was the chef and managed a ski resort in Michigan before moving to Columbus, Ohio. While in Michigan he met Barbara Willett in 1990 and married in Columbus, Ohio on May 23, 1992. They have 3 children: Joachim Willett, Brandy Wiseman and Jennifer Wiseman.

While in Columbus, he was the Chef at Makoy Center and catered daily for the National Guard, among other assignments throughout his career.

During a pro-longed illness, his mission was to help others cope with kidney dialysis while working through the effects of Goodpasture's Syndrome himself by driving them to and from the dialysis center, encouraging them all the way.

He was dedicated to making others happy. He was a force for all things good and positive. Ryan was always the optimist. He was kind with all he met. He was an avid reader and could talk to anyone about just about everything and took an interest in everyone he met. With a quick wit and a smile, all were entertained. In one word, Joy! Was always shared!

Ryan is survived by his wife: Barb and their 3 adult children; his brother: Robert (Carla) Wiseman of Chehalis, Washington; two sisters: Beverly Ort of Farmington, Iowa and Jan Allburn (Dave) of Glouster, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother: Neil Wiseman of Burlington, Iowa.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 19, 2021, at Embury United Methodist Church rural Donnellson with Pastor Kayla Lange - Carney officiating. Following his funeral, a video of the service will be posted on his obituary page under his "Tribute Wall" at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

Burial will be at Embury Cemetery rural Donnellson.

A memorial has been established in his memory.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com. Schmitz Funeral Home of Donnellson is assisting the family with arrangements.

For the Record

Fort Madison Police Report
 06/11/21 - 6:38 a.m.
 - Fort Madison Police arrested Kelly Renee Barlow, 43, of Fort Madison in the 1100 block of Avenue F, on charges of 4th-degree criminal mischief, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to Lee County Jail.
 06/11/21 - 4:54 p.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Colin Jess Brooks, 27, of West Burlington, in the 100 block of 24th Avenue on a charge of 2nd-degree theft. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 06/11/21 - 6:07 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a larceny/theft on Oak Drive.
 06/12/21 - 6:43 a.m. - Fort Madison Police

responded to a report of vandalism in the 5800 block of Avenue O.
 06/12/21 - 11:57 a.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.
 06/12/21 - 2:20 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 700 block of 33rd Street.
 06/12/21 - 8:35 p.m. - Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 600 block of Avenue E.
 06/13/21 - 2:09 a.m. - Fort Madison Police arrested Sadie Rose-anne Steffensmeier, 20, of Fort Madison, in the 4600 block of Avenue J, on a charge of domestic abuse assault causing

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serious injury. She was taken to Lee County Jail. 06/13/21 – 12:39 p.m. – Fort Madison Police cited Michelle Marie Decker, 35, of Fort Madison in the 2600 block of Avenue L, on charge of driving while suspended.

06/13/21 – 4:27 p.m. – Fort Madison Police arrested Robert Thomas Nuebel, 54, of Fort Madison in the 1900 block of Avenue J, on a charge of driving while suspended and on a warrant for probation violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail. 06/13/21 – 5:02 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a stolen vehicle in the 100 block of Avenue C. 06/13/21 – 6:34 p.m. – Fort Madison Police responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 2600 block of Avenue L.

Lee County Sheriff's Report
06/11/21 – 6:03 p.m. – Lee County Sheriff's

deputies arrested Joe Brooks Cleveland III, 36, of Keokuk, at the Lee County Jail on a judgment hold and warrant for domestic assault including choking and bodily injury. He was held in custody. 06/12/21 – 3:10 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies arrested Jordon Douglas Junker, 26, of Mt. Pleasant in the 2600 block of Hwy. 61 in Montrose, on a charge of OWI-3rd offense. He was taken to Lee County Jail and given a pre-trial release. 06/14/21 – 5:04 a.m. – Lee County Sheriff's deputies cited Jeffery Seitz, 51, of Wever in the 1700 block of Green Bay Road in Wever, on a charge of OWI-1st offense.

Hancock County Sheriff's Report
06/07/21 – Aimee J Nelson, age 43, of Warsaw, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Petition to Revoke or Modify Sentence on original charges

of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Nelson remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting her next court appearance. 06/07/21 – John M Tripp, age 58, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Aggravated Battery, Disorderly Conduct, and Resisting Arrest. Tripp was released and given a Notice to Appear at a future court date. 06/07/21 – Justin J Althide, age 43, of Warsaw, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Deliver. Althide remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court appearance. 06/07/21 – Kenneth R Bouchard, age 42, of Keokuk, IA was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended. Bouchard was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 06/08/21 – Marcus C Weirather, age 26, of Niota, IL was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear on original charges of Disorderly Conduct. Weirather was released on his own recognizance and given a future court date.

06/08/21 – Kenny L Alvis, age 51, of Keosauqua, IA was arrested and charged with Driving While License Suspended. Alvis was also arrested on an Adams County Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay. Alvis was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 06/09/21 -Jennifer I Harl, age 55, of Dallas City, IL was arrested and charged with Bond Violation. Harl was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 06/09/21 -Heather A Lafrenz, age 38, of Keokuk, IA was arrested on a Hancock County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine, No Valid Driver's License, and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle. Lafrenz was arrested on a second warrant for Petition to Revoke or Modify Sentence on original charges of Unlawful Possession of Methamphetamine. Lafrenz was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 06/10/21 – Samantha J Medina, age 26, of Macomb, IL was arrested on a Hancock County

Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Leaving the Scene of an Accident. Medina was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. 06/11/21 – McKenzie J Job, age 25, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Job was released on her own recognizance and given a future court date. 06/11/21 – Devon M Wittenburg, age 26, of Hamilton, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine. Wittenburg remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court appearance. 06/11/21 – Matthew W Young, age 35, of Niota, IL was arrested and charged with Criminal Damage to Property and Trespassing to Real Property. Young remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court appearance. 06/11/21 – Kady G Cox, age 23, of Macomb, IL was arrested on a McDonough County Warrant charging her with Failure to Appear on original charges of Retail Theft. Cox was released to McDonough

County authorities. 06/11/21 – Chris T Simmons, age 39, of Macomb, IL was arrested on a Schuyler County, IL Warrant charging him with Failure to Appear/ Failure to Pay on original charges of Possession of Methamphetamine. Simmons remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his extradition to Schuyler County. 06/11/21 – Nicholas S Dickson, age 25, of Carthage, IL was arrested and charged with Possession of an Open Title, No Valid Registration, No Insurance, Possession of Methamphetamine, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Dickson remains lodged in the Hancock County Jail awaiting his next court appearance. 06/11/21 – Dylan M Mencer, age 27, of Plymouth, IL was arrested and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Open Container, and Possession of Synthetic Urine. Mencer was released after posting the required bond and given a future court date. *Those listed above are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*



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Supervisors sell property in Keokuk

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He also said the county is just one EMT away from being fully staffed. There are applications for the position, and orientations and training sessions are underway with those already hired on. "We're on track to take over on the 30th," Cosby said. Supervisor Ron Fedler said with the gover-

nor signing into law a bill making ambulance service an essential service under Iowa code, the service now has a firmer financial footing. "It's going to make a difference for what they get paid for medicare, medicaid and private service, for what people have covering ambulance service," Fedler said.

"One of the big problems private companies had was that they were losing money on every medicare patient they hauled. This law will help generate more revenue and my goal has always been to not make money on this, but make it self-funding so we didn't have to put any taxpayer money into supporting it." The new law would require the board to pass a resolution making ambulance service an essential service, set up a committee, which is already in place, and then any levy proposed to help offset costs of the service, would have to go to a public vote.

Larkin said the county did a good job of putting people who know ambulance services at the front of the discussion. "Those folks know ambulance service and we relied on people that had the knowledge," Larkin said. "We just weighed in on our own, but as far as I can tell, they've done an excellent job." "There were some bumps in the road, but we got them smoothed out. I'm really enthused about this and I've had a lot of people talk to me about this ambulance service and I tell them all this will be a better service with the county." In other action, the board:

- approved selling 1216 Fulton Street for \$400 to a single bidder.
- approved a renewed contract with Solutions Inc. for county computer programming support
- approved several step pay increases and position promotions.

Lee County Health Department Community Pop-up Clinic Schedule

- These clinics are designed to reach those who might not have had the opportunity to receive their COVID vaccine yet. The schedule will be updated as more clinics are added.
- June 15, 2021 - First Christian Church, Keokuk, Drive-thru 4:00pm-7:00pm J&J only**
 - June 17, 2021 - Mississippi Terrace Keokuk, 11:00am-Noon J&J only**
 - June 17, 2021 - Hawkeye Village & Park Apartments, Keokuk 1:00pm-3:00pm, J&J only**
 - June 17, 2021 - Ivanhoe Apartments & Hillview Village Fort Madison 1:00pm-3:00pm, J&J only**
 - June 19, 2021 - Juneteenth, Rand Park Keokuk, 1:00pm-3:00pm J&J only**

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Sports

Hounds rally in 4th to get sweep of Mt. Pleasant

BY JOHN BOHNENKAMP
PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – Fort Madison’s baseball doubleheader sweep of Mount Pleasant on Monday night looked big on the scoreboard.

But there were a lot of little things here and there in the 15-0, 14-4 rout of the Panthers.

The Bloodhounds (11-2 overall, 7-1 Southeast Conference) extended their winning streak to seven games and kept pace with Burlington at the top of the conference standings heading into Thursday’s home doubleheader with the Grayhounds.

Fort Madison dominated the opener with a seven-run third inning and a seven-run fourth to back the one-hit outing of pitcher Matt Hopper. The Bloodhounds trailed 4-1 in the second game before they got six runs in the fourth inning and seven in the fifth.

Fort Madison’s offense wore down the Panthers (2-11, 1-7). The Bloodhounds drew 12 walks in the first game, six in the second.

“We really put the pressure on,” Fort Madison coach Ron Walker said. “When you’re taking at-bats of seven, eight, nine pitches, that adds up.”

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Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

Fort Madison’s Matt Hopper gets just under a pitch and fouls it off in the first game of the Hounds’ sweep of Mt. Pleasant Monday night in Fort Madison.

FM girls take two from Lady Panthers

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – Sometimes a big thing’s called a lu-lu. That was the chant coming from the Fort Madison softball team dugout Monday night as the Hounds rolled up Mt. Pleasant in the night cap of a doubleheader 13-1 in four innings.

The Lu-Lu came in the form of Lauryn “Lu-Lu” Helmick who knocked in five RBIs in the second-game win. She also gave up just four hits and one earned run in the circle while striking out four to get the win.

The Hounds won the first game of the set 14-4 in 4 1/2 innings.

The Panthers opened the final game with a run in the top of the first on a Grace Kelley single off Helmick’s leg on a come-backer with two outs. Helmick would give up another single before getting a infield pop out to end the threat with two on.

Then the Hounds went to work with Emily Steffensmeier opening the bottom half with a single to center. She would swipe second and Neeley Rehm would reach when Mt. Pleasant pitcher Madison Helling would drop a pop up in the infield.

Logan Johnson would pop out in foul territory and Lexi Whaley would load the bases taking a pitch off her front cleat. Allyson Helmick would get an RBI with a walk on five pitches. Then Lauryn Helmick drove a 2-2 pitch all the way to fence in the left center gap clearing the bases with a stand-up double and 4-0 lead.

Helmick would give up just one more hit and an infield error as the Lady Hounds clamped down on the struggling Panthers (0-17).

Fort Madison would put up a run in the second and three in the third with two outs. Elle Ruble would draw a walk on four pitches and Aija Jenkins would follow up with a single to left that would bring Ruble around to score after she stole second. Steffensmeier would move Jenkins up with a single to right and Rehm would bring them both in with a double to left.

The Hounds would finish the game in the bottom half of the fourth with a five-run inning highlighted by Lauryn Helmick’s double to left scoring Lexi Whaley and Allyson Helmick.

Still with no outs and the bases loaded Steffensmeier would single to right scoring Ruble and Taylor Johnson to invoke the 12-run rule after four innings.

Head Coach Jared Rehm said Helmick had a strong outing.

“She had a good game tonight. She hit well, drove in five runs I think, so those were some big hits,” he said.

Rehm said the Panthers are in a rebuilding phase of the program and the girls understood that part of the win.

“I thought overall against (Davenport) Central we played a better game. So I wouldn’t say this is the best I’ve seen us play,” he said. “The girls obviously like the wins and they keep perspective of where other teams are it. But it’s always good to build wins when you can get them.”

Steffensmeier was 4-for-4 with 2 RBI and three runs scored. Helmick and Jenkins both had two-hit games for the Hounds.

In the opener, Fort Madison shut the Panthers down early and had an 11-0 lead going into the fourth inning, but Mt. Pleasant put up four runs, all with two outs to extend the game an inning.

An error in right field started the slide and then Rehm gave up three walks in a row to score a run. Mt. Pleasant’s Ella McNamee then hit an RBI single to left. Bethany Drury would follow with a 2 RBI single to center before Whaley would throw out Courtney Raub trying to take third.

The Hounds would put up three more runs in the bottom half of the fourth highlighted by RBI hits from Kylee Cashman and Allyson Helmick to seal the win.

Cashman went 3 for 4 with 3 runs scored and an RBI. Steffensmeier and Rehm each had 2 RBI.

Rehm went the distance scattering three hits and all four runs came unearned. She struck out four and walked four in earning the win.

Jared Rehm said the team is coming back into shape after some early conference losses.

“With the losses we got from Fairfield and Washington I think we’re slowly coming back around,” he said “We’ve got two days, tomorrow and Wednesday, now to prepare for BHS.”

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TENTATIVE AGENDA
1. Roll Call
2. Approve agenda
3. Receive Visitors:
a) Visitors to speak about items not on the agenda
b) Recognize Retirees: Kathryn Sellens, Terry Soli, Arlene Wilson, D'Ete

Wilson, Cheryl Fraise, Crystal Bohnenkamp
c) 7-12 Athletics Presentation
4. PUBLIC HEARING - ESSER III Funding
5. Superintendent's Report:
a) Teacher of the Year - Kathryn Sellens
b) Employee of the

Year - Lora Azinger, Deb Hunold, Brian Wells, Bob Burgess
c) Newcomer of the Year - Amanda Schiller
d) Set July Board Meeting Date
e) School Registration - 8/2/2021
f) Finance Update
g) Vacancies

6. CONSENT AGENDA: Motion (Exhibit I)
a) Approve minutes
b) Financial Reports: General and Schoolhouse Funds, Clearing account, Hot Lunch account
c) Approve prepaid bills
d) Approve monthly bills
7. Approve bills: Give Superintendent and

Board Secretary authority to pay bills as allowed by balance of 2020-2021 budget with prepaid listing at July board meeting. (Motion)
NEW BUSINESS:
1. Set School Fees for 2021-2022: (Motion)
2020-2021 Fees listed below:

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 2. First Reading of Board Policy 400 Series (Motion)
 3. First Reading of Board Policies: (Motion) (Exhibit II)
 a) 409.2 - Employee Leaves of Absence
 a) 701.1 - Depository of Funds
 b) 701.2 - Transfer of Funds
 c) 701.3 - Financial Records
 d) 702 - Cash in School Buildings
 e) 703.1 - Budget Planning
 f) 704.1 - Local- State-Federal- Miscellaneous Revenue
 g) 704.5 - Student Activities Fund
 h) 704.6 - Online Fundraising Campaigns - Crowdfunding
 i) 705.2 - Rescinded Purchasing on Behalf of Employees

j) 706.2 - Payroll Deductions
 k) 706.3 - Pay Deductions
 l) 707 .2 - Treasurer's Annual Report
 m) 707.4 -Audit
 n) 707.5 - Internal Controls
 o) 707.5R1 - Internal Controls Procedure
 p) 708 - Care, Maintenance and Disposal of School District Record
 4. First Reading of Board Policies: (Motion) (Exhibit III)
 a) 801.4 - Site Acquisition
 b) 803.1 - Disposition of Obsolete Equipment
 c) 903.1 - School-Community Groups
 d) 903.2 -Community Resource Persons and Volunteers
 e) 904.1 - Transporting Students in Private Vehicles
 f) 905.1 -Community Use of School District Facilities & Equipment
 g) 905.2 - Tobacco/Nicotine-Free Environment
 5. Construction Update/Change Order Requests (Motion) (Exhibit IV)
 a) COR 068 - Remove and Replace Existing Walls at K-8 Remodel Area
 b) COR 072 -Add Metal Stud Wall to West Wall of HS Office Remodel
 c) COR 075 -Add Way-

finding Sign and Bleacher Graphics
 d) COR 076 - Remove K-8 Bathroom & Locker Room Tile and Replace Flooring
 6. Approve Bus Fleet Camera Infrastructure (Motion) (Exhibit V)
 7. Review and Approve Nutrition Bids for 2021-2022: (Motion) (Exhibit VI)
 a) Milk Bids
 b) Bread Bids
 8. Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Execution and Delivery of a Master Lease Purchase Agreement; and Approving the Execution and Delivery of Schedule No. Sch# to the Master Lease Purchase Agreement (Motion) (Exhibit VII) (Roll Call Vote)
 9. Approve After School Programming Director Job Posting (Motion) (Exhibit VIII)
 10. Transfer: (Motion) (FY2021-22)
 a) Jerry Ireland -Instructor/Athletic Director to High School P.E. Instructor
 11. Transfers: (Motion)

(FY2020-21)
 a) Kayla Haigh -Associate (Full-Time)
 12. Resignations: (Motion)
 a) Terry Soli - Instructor, High School Boys' Track Coach
 b) Kathryn Sellens -PLC Leader (5th Grade)
 c) Deanna Stuecker - PLC Leader (4th Grade)
 d) Ryan Van Ausdall - PLC Leader (Math 9-12)
 e) Deena Parker -Assistant High School Track & Field Coach
 f) Patty Rooney - High School Girls' Track Coach
 g) Lindsey Kirchner -Teacher Associate (Special Needs)
 h) Lane Weirather - JV Boys' Basketball Coach

i) Tiffany Woodruff -Teacher Associate 1: 1
 13. Contract Approvals: (Motion)
 a) Emeline Britton -Human Resources/Curriculum Secretary, Effective 6/1/2021
 b) Linda Brown -Substitute Van Driver
 c) Gary Lightfoot - Van Driver
 14. Approve Unused Accumulated Sick Leave & Personal Leave Pay Out Request, and Re-remaining 2020-2021 Contract Salary prior to June 30, 2021: (Motion)
 a) Terry Soli

15. Approve Unused Accumulated Sick Leave & Personal Leave Pay Out Request prior to July 30, 2021: (Motion)
 a) Lora Azinger
 16. Volunteer Coach Approval: (Motion)
 a) Travis Buford - High School Softball
 17. Board Reports
 18. Adjourn

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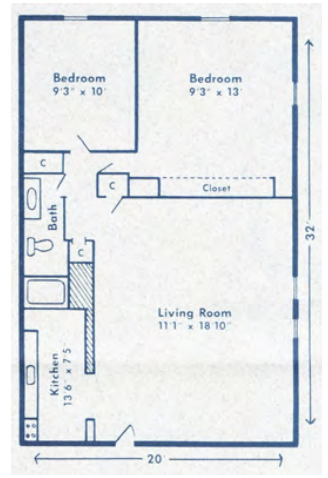
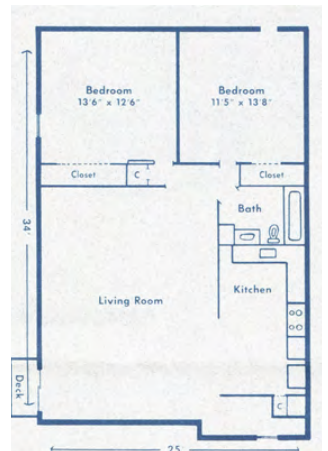
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Lee County News/Sports

Narcotics task force arrests four

LEE COUNTY – The Lee County Narcotics Task Force reports the arrest of several Lee County residents in connection with illegal drug activity in the area.

Amanda Davis, 37, of Fort Madison, Iowa was arrested on May 27th, 2021 at her residence in Fort Madison. Davis is charged with Delivery of More than 5 grams of Methamphetamine 2nd or subsequent offense within 1,000 feet of a Recreation Center a Class B Felony; Delivery of less than 5 grams of Methamphetamine 2nd or subsequent offense within 1,000 feet of a Recreation Center a Class C Felony; Drug Tax Stamp Violation- Methamphetamine a Class D Felony; Drug Tax Stamp Violation- Marijuana a Class D Felony; Maintaining a Drug House an Aggravated Misdemeanor; Possession of a Controlled Substance- Marijuana 2nd or Subsequent Offense a Serious Misdemeanor, Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance- Oxycodone 2nd or Subsequent Offense a Serious Misdemeanor, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia a Simple Misdemeanor.

The arrest of Davis stems from a search warrant that was conducted in connection to an ongoing investigation by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force regarding Davis selling controlled substances throughout the Lee County area.

Mary Penrose, 58, of Keokuk, Iowa was arrested on May 28th, 2021 at the Lee County Jail after being transported from Clark County, MO jail. Penrose was arrested for maintaining a Drug House, an Aggravated Misdemeanor; 3 counts of Unlawful Possession of Prescription Drugs, each a Serious Misdemeanor and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a Simple Misdemeanor.

The arrest of Penrose stems from a search warrant that was conducted on her residence after responding to a report of a drug overdose that occurred inside her

residence. Additional warrants have been issued for other individuals in connection with this investigation.

Eric Fortune Sr., 54, of Fort Madison, Iowa was arrested on June 1st, 2021 near Shopton Park in Fort Madison, Iowa. Fortune Sr. was arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance 2nd Offense- Methamphetamine, an Aggravated Misdemeanor; Possession of Controlled Substance 2nd Offense- Marijuana, an Aggravated Misdemeanor; 3 counts of Unlawful Possession of Prescription Drugs, each a Serious Misdemeanor, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a Simple Misdemeanor.

The arrest of Fortune stems from a search warrant that was conducted on his residence regarding a unrelated investigation.

Natasha McCarty, 34, of Keokuk, Iowa was arrested on June 6th, 2021 near Wal-Mart in Keokuk. McCarty was arrested for outstanding warrants for two counts of Delivery of a Controlled Substance- less than 5 grams of Methamphetamine, each a Class C Felony; and Theft 3rd Degree a Class D Felony.

The arrest of McCarty stems from an ongoing investigation conducted by the Lee County Narcotics Task Force where McCarty was selling methamphetamine throughout the Lee County area.

The Keokuk Police Department, Fort Madison Police Department, Department of Narcotics Enforcement, and the Lee County Attorney's Office, assisted the Lee County Narcotics Task Force in part or all of these investigations.

The defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. The Lee County Narcotics Task Force is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Justice and the funds administered by the Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy.

Hounds face tough tests this week

SWEEP - Continued from Page 5

The Bloodhounds kept the second game close after the Panthers scored all of their runs in the second inning.

Starting pitcher Reiburn Turnbull got a strikeout to end the second inning. Reliever Vasin Thurman got a strikeout with the bases loaded to end the third inning. A line-drive double play ended the fourth inning, and catcher Kane Williams threw out Jake Ensminger trying to steal second base after a leadoff walk in the fifth.

"The big part of that second game, and that's what we talked about out there, is that we're a good team, but we're not a good enough team to always overcome our own mistakes," Walker said. "We couldn't find the strike zone early, we didn't trust ourselves on a pitch-out call, we didn't compete well in the (batter's) box.

"After that, it was just big plays, and we started executing, started playing baseball."

Fort Madison took the lead in the fourth. The first six hitters in the inning came in to score, with Landes Williams' two-run single being the big hit of the inning.

Williams had a two-run double in the fifth, and then Vasin Thurman's RBI single ended the game on the 10-run rule.

Garrett Hannum drove in three runs in the first game. All of the runs in the fourth inning came without the benefit of a hit — the Bloodhounds had eight walks and had two batters hit by pitches.

Fort Madison plays a home doubleheader with Class 4A Davenport North on Wednesday before playing host to another 4A team in the Grayhounds.

"It's a big week," Walker said. "We finish with back-to-back doubleheaders with Class 4A teams, so this is a big week in our schedule, to see where we're at. When the rubber hits the pavement, we can't take anyone lightly."

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